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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas Secretary Federal Communications Commission The Portals 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S. W., Room TW-A325 Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: **EX PARTE** 

IB Docket 99-81, RM 9328; ET Docket 95-18 /

Dear Ms. Salas:

By this letter ICO Global Communications ("ICO") notifies the Commission that ICO Chief Executive Officer Richard Greco submitted the attached letters referencing the above-captioned proceedings to Commissioners Harold Furchtgott-Roth and Susan Ness and to Donald Abelson, chief of the International Bureau, respectively.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b)(1) of the Commission's rules, six copies of these letters are provided to the Secretary for inclusion in the record in the above-captioned proceedings.

Very truly yours,

Cheryl A. Tritt

Counsel to ICO Global Communications

**Enclosures** 

cc: Commissioner Susan Ness Commissioner Harold Furchtgott-Roth Donald Abelson November 17, 1999

The Honorable Harold W. Furchtgott-Roth Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street SW Washington, DC 20554



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## **Dear Commissioner Roth:**

I was pleased to have the opportunity to meet with you last week to provide an update on ICO as we progress toward mobile satellite service (MSS) launch in the United States. As noted, we are committed to refinancing the company and to bringing it out of Chapter 11 as swiftly as possible.

To recap our discussion, it is vitally important that the Federal Communications Commission license ICO quickly so that we can clear the necessary spectrum in time for our service launch in April 2001. Additionally, we believe it is equally important, if MSS providers must pay for the cost of relocating incumbents, that you hold down this cost in appropriate ways. Perhaps the single most important way to do this is by using market value, rather than replacement cost, in the formulas you establish for replacing the incumbents' old equipment.

ICO's goal is to become a leading provider of reliable and affordable mobile satellite services with an easy-to-use handset. Enclosed is a non-working model of a personal handset that will be available to ICO's subscribers. Similar to today's cellular phones, ICO's small, lightweight dual-mode handsets will be user-friendly and capable of operating on established cellular systems as well as on ICO's global satellite network.

Again, it was a pleasure meeting with you. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly should you have any questions about ICO or the products and services we intend to offer.

Sincerely,

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